

BACHMAN RANCH

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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
CALFED Bay/Delta Program
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am a Placer County cattle rancher. My family has been on this land for generations. We are concerned about its future. I am also on the Board of Directors for the Placer County Farm Bureau. I am writing to ask that you:

1. Lengthen the comment period on your final CalFed EIS/EIR released July 21. I work more than 60 hours a week and there is not enough time to adequately review the plan.
2. Please hold public hearings to explain this plan to us. The 6,500 page report is complicated and technical.

Mr. Ritchie, I am concerned about this document, as I understand it so far. I have a lot of wildlife and habitat on my property. I know that other ranchers do too. If CalFed acquires several hundred thousand acres of land as planned, it will be detrimental to the habitat. I do not believe that CalFed adequately studied the effects of such a large-scale land conversion nor tried hard enough to minimize farmland losses.

Sincerely,


Jim Bachman,
Bachman Ranch

cc: Governor Gray Davis
Barbara Boxer
John Doolittle
California Farm Bureau

Dianne Feinstein
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Tim Leslie